

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hower, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 5,467,434, in view of Lobiondo, U.S. Patent No. 5,287,194. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites “a confirmation message presentation section for presenting to a user a confirmation message for confirming printing based on the acquired print setting information” and “a resetting section for resetting the acquired print setting information in accordance with an instruction from the user if the printing is not confirmed by the user.”

The Examiner relies on col. 2, lines 64-65, of Lobiondo as teaching that the user is informed where the job is being printed and when completion is expected. However, in the Examiner’s response to applicants’ previous Amendment, the Examiner asserts that Lobiondo teaches that a user would be able to choose, select or modify the settings or parameters of a print job through user interface 16 and screen 17 of Figs. 4 and 5. However, it appears that these are references to portions of Hower, not Lobiondo. Lobiondo does not teach allowing the user instruct resetting of the acquired print setting information if the printing is not confirmed by the user. Thus, the Examiner is still missing necessary elements to recreate the claimed invention. The fact is that Lobiondo never expects to receive any confirmation from the user, and thus would not suggest resetting the acquired print setting information if the printing is not confirmed by the user. Likewise, Hower does not present a confirmation message nor does it expect to receive any confirmation of the print settings. Merely providing a user interface to allow the user to select print settings does not teach or suggest the claimed resetting section. Thus, neither of the cited references teach or suggest “a resetting section for resetting the acquired print setting information in accordance with an instruction from the user if the printing is not confirmed by the user.”

Claims 6 and 9 also recite similar features as recited in claim 1, and are thus allowable for the same reasons claim 1 is allowable. The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772035300.

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